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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

**EXPEDITED PROCESSING**  
**AFTER FINAL PRACTICE**

Kunio GOTO

Art Unit: 1762

Application No.: 10/829,292

Examiner: Jolley, K.

Filed: April 22, 2004

Attorney Dkt. No.: 12014-0017DV

For: THREADED JOINT FOR STEEL PIPES AND PROCESS FOR THE SURFACE  
TREATMENT THEREOF

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 12, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2006, this response is submitted with a petition for a two-month extension of time. Payment is addressed at the end of this Amendment. Please amend the application as follows:

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